

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 30, 2012 -- 10:30 AM

****Those Who Are Able, Please Stand (PLEASE, silence your Cell Phone)**
Child Nursery available – Just Ask an Attendant

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“Be Thou My Vision”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Cynthia Elliott

We have come into this place and gathered in God’s name to offer our praise and thanksgiving. Let our worship be a sweet, sweet sound in God’s ears.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Come nearer to God; return from the far country, from self-exile, from selfish desire, God awaits our return.

God meets us on the way; God’s arms are open to welcome us.
God welcomes the lost and celebrates our return.

Let us worship our God, whose lavish love awaits our homecoming. Who rejoices when the lost is found.

INTROIT

“Spirit, Come”

CHANCEL CHOIR

**INVOCATION (unison)

Creator God, you whispered the world into being; you sculpted humanity from dust; you inspired writers to record the beauty of nature; you spoke through artful psalms; you placed in us creative spirits. You are the one, Creating God, whom we worship and serve. In your mystery and might, move our creative spirits. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

UMH#152

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD TO US

CHILDREN’S TIME

**+THE PEACE OF CHRIST IS GIVEN TO ALL

ONE: The peace of the living Christ be with you all!

ALL: And also with you!

ANTHEM

“Be Strong in the Lord”

CHANCEL CHOIR

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Cynthia Elliott

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 150

THE WORD FOR TODAY *“Breathe in Grace, Breathe out Worship”* *Pastor Elmar*

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION *“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”*

UMH#500

(Vv1, 3)

PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE’S PRAYER *(Vv 4, 5)*

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Jesus Christ is on our side, offering us the love of God—a love that gives us all we have, a love that makes us all we are. Jesus Christ is with us in every circumstance, suffering with us, rejoicing with us. The generosity of Christ calls us to lives of gratitude and generosity. In Jesus Christ we are given new life. Let us celebrate this life by giving generously to the work of God’s redeeming love.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

OFFERTORY

“Hymn of Promise”

OFFERING

**DOXOLOGY

UMH#94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Cynthia Elliott

****BENEDICTION (Responsive)**

As we leave this time of worship, we take along our “YES!” to God.

YES! We will be lit candles of love against the darkness of hate.

YES! We will be joyful songs, filling the silence of indifference.

YES! We will be a hopeful community in a discouraged world.

YES! We will bring life to people surrounded by death.

For we are a people of love, of joy, of hope, of life.

We follow the Prince of Peace, as we carry his peace with us as we go into the world.

AMEN!

POSTLUDE

“O Stor Gud”

(Please be seated until postlude is complete) —

Our guests and visitors are invited for refreshments following worship

Flowers:

Pastor: *Rev. Elmar De Ocera*

Lay Leader: *John Jandoc*

Council Chair: *John Jandoc (Interim)*

Offering Counters: *Irene Potter*

Jully Laxamana

Evelyn Russell

Cynthia Elliott

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